VIPs and also propose to withdraw the Black Cat Commandos of national Security Guard; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to be revamped and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Action is being taken to revamp the arrangements in a manner that security requirements are not compromised.

Bomb Blast in a Local Train

853. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a powerful bomb blasted in a local passenger train near Bhatinda, Punjab on the 8th July, 1997;

(b) if so, the details of the casualty/injury resulted therein;

(c) whether any millitant outfit has claimed the responsibility of the bomb blast;

(d) what action Government have taken to book the culprits and the details of compensaion paid to the victim of the blast; and

(e) whether Government have come to any conclusion about the guilty people involved in the familiar bomb blast incidents, so far took place during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the blast at Lehra Khana Railway Station in Bhatinda, as many as 38 persons were killed while 67 were injured.

(c) and (d) No militant outfit has claimed responsibility for this blast. However, investigating team for Bhatinda train blast and Bagha Purana shoot out which took place on 9.7.97, have made a major break through with arrest of one Buta Singh, an active conspirator aligned with International Sikh Youth Federation led by Pakistan based terrorist Lakhbir Singh Rode. The prime Accused Bhupinder Singh Bhinda R/o Mari Mustafa PS Bagha Purana Distt. Moga is absconding in this case.

Compensation in such cases is given by the State Government.

(e) Bomb blasts of last 6 months fall in two patterns. Low intensity blasts are the handiwork of certain Pak based muslim fundamentalist cadres while the high intensity blasts have been carried out by subverseves and left over Punjab militants under the instigation of Pak ISI. Several suspects have been arrested and investigations are being done by the concerned State Police.

Road Accident Deaths in Delhi

854. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in road accidents in Delhi during 1997 so far and how does it compare with the killed during the last three years in the same period in Delhi/other metropolitan and Mega cities;

(b) the reasons for more road accidents in Delhi than other cities in the country and the steps taken to overcome those cause; and

(c) whether bad roads is one of the causes for road accidents/deaths in Delhi, if so, by when the roads whould be repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Delhi Police have reported that during 1997 upto 15.7.1997, 1134 persons were

killed in road accidents in Delhi. The requisite information in respect of the four metropolitan cities for the past three years as furnished by National Crime Record bureau is as under:

City	1994	1995	1996	Remarks
Delhi	1741	1873	2091	—
Bombay	1423	1594	753	—
Calcutta	513	480	474	—
Madras	479	557	888(*)	—

(*) Excluding February and March, 1996.

(b) and (c) Reasons for higher rate of accidents in Delhi include the hetrogeneity and magnitude of vehicle population; relatively faster growth of population, motor vehicles and volume of traffic vis-a-vis the road system, poor condition of roads; over-speeding and violation of traffic rules etc. The steps taken by Delhi Traffic Police to reduce road accidents in delhi include strict enforcement of traffic rules, upgradation of traffic signal system construction of road dividers, speed breakers and such other features and educating the public about the road safety measures. It has also been decided to introduce Mass Rapid Transport system(MRTS) as a long term strategy to cope up with the rapidly increasing volume of traffic in Delhi.

कैदियों की श्रेणी को सुनिश्चित करने वाली प्रक्रिया

855. श्री एस० एस० सुरजेवाला:
श्री अजीत जोशी:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जेल में किसी कैदी को प्रदान की जाने वाली श्रेणी को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए अपनाई जाने वाली प्रक्रिया का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस प्रक्रिया का अनुपालन कब से किया जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या इस प्रक्रिया को वर्तमान परिस्थितियों के अनुरूप बनाने के लिए इसकी समीक्षा करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (घ) भारत के संविधान की सातवीं अनुसूची की राज्य सूची की सूची-II की प्रविष्टि 4 को देखते हुए यह मामला राज्य सरकारों से संबंधित है, जो इस प्रकार है:—

"जेल, सुधारालय, बोर्स्टल संस्थाएं और उसी प्रकार की अन्य संस्थाएं और उसमें निरूद्ध व्यक्ति, कारागारों और अन्य संस्थाओं के उपयोग के लिए अन्य राज्यों के साथ व्यवस्था।"

जेल में कैदियों का वर्गीकरण सक्षम न्यायालय के आदेशों के अलावा जेल मैनुअल के उपबन्धों तथा संबंधित राज्य सरकार के अनुदेशों, के अनुसार निर्धारित किया जाता है।

Vohra Committee Report

856. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since accepted the recommendations of Vohra Committee's Report;

(b) what steps have so far been taken by Government to implement the said report;